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# The Kansas Child Care Licensing Dispatch

The Kansas Child Care Licensing Dispatch newsletter is intended to serve as a resource for your child care business and provide resources that can be passed to the families you work with. The following topics can be found in this issue:

- **KanCheck Background Checks**
- **Infant Safe Sleep**
- **New Texting Program**
- **Make the First Five Count .**
- **Kansas Pre-school Standards**



## KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD

### PHAB– ACCREDITED HEALTH DEPARTMENTS DEMONSTRATE THE CAPACITY TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES WELL

KDHE has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The national accreditation program works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of the nation's state, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments. KDHE is one of fewer than 200 health departments that have thus far achieved accreditation through PHAB since the organization launched in 2011.

"We are pleased and excited to be recognized for achieving these national standards that foster effectiveness and promote continuous quality improvement , " said KDHE Secretary and State Health Officer Susan Mosier, MD, MBA, FACS. "The accreditation process helps to ensure that the programs and services we provide are as responsive as possible to the needs of our community. With accreditation, KDHE is demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, elected officials and the many partner organizations with which we work."

For information and to read the full news release about KDHE accreditation click here on the KDHE logo.



The Kansas Child Care Licensing Dispatch would like to make note of an error in our last newsletter issue. We would like to acknowledge Child Care Aware of Kansas and their funders for the information in the "Emergency Preparedness Tips; Keeping Children Safe". Thank you!



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Kansas law requires a background check for each individual residing, working or regularly volunteering in a licensed child care facility. Background check requirements are protections intended to reduce the risk of abuse or neglect for children in regulated out of home child care settings. Parents need to be confident that individuals caring for their children do not have prior records of behavior that could endanger children.

Kansas has until September 2018 to comply with the new federal requirements. The Child Care Licensing (CCL) Program has partnered with the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) on KanCheck, an integrated system for requesting checks and processing results. It is anticipated that KanCheck for Child Care will launch in the late winter/spring of 2018. Child Care Licensing will send more detailed information to licensees prior to the launch date.

**For more information click on the links**

- **[Click here for General Background Check Questions and Answers](#)**
- **[Licensed Day Care Home and Group Day Care Home Background Questions and Answers](#)**
- **[Child Care Center and Preschool Background Questions and Answers.](#)**
- **[School Age Program and Drop In Program Background Questions and Answers](#)**

## THE ABC'S OF SAFE SLEEP FOR INFANTS

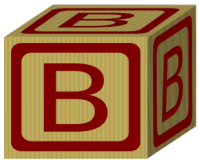
Parents and caregivers, before you lay your little one down for a nap or saying goodnight, here are some suggested tips for safe sleep recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics:

### Your baby should always sleep ALONE.



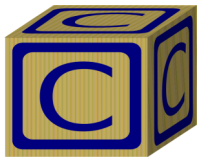
- The safest place for your baby to sleep is in the same room as their caregiver, but not in the same bed. Parents can always position a baby's crib next to their bed to easily maintain physical contact and encourage bonding.
- Your baby should sleep alone in an empty crib—keep loose bedding, bumpers, and toys out of the crib as this can increase your baby's risk of suffocation and entrapment.

### Your baby should always sleep on their BACK.



- Babies should be placed on their backs to sleep and on their tummies to play.
- Make sure that your baby does not overheat.
- Keep the room smoke-free.
- Babies should be placed facing alternate directions in their crib to discourage resting on the same side of their head. For example one night place your baby so their head is on the right side of the crib and the next night place the baby so their head is on the left side of the crib.

### Your baby should always sleep in a CRIB.



- Use a crib or pack n play that meets current safety standards.
- Provide your baby with a firm sleep surface.
- Keep the crib empty.
- Avoid using sleep positioning devices because there is no evidence that these are effective and in some cases, they pose a danger to babies if they roll out of the device.

These guidelines have been created by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

## New Texting Program!

Child Care Aware® of Kansas has launched a  
NEW texting program.

**Help us Spread the Word!**



Texts include information on child development, healthy recipes, emergency preparedness, activity ideas and more!

**Child Care Providers text CCAKS to 59925**  
**Families text KSKIDS to 59925**

[Click here](#) for a flyer that can be shared with child care providers.

[Click here](#) for a flyer that child care providers can give to their families.



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Every year, more than a million children will enter school with an undiagnosed developmental delay. We want to change that. We want to ensure all children start kindergarten with the right skills to succeed alongside their peers. Together we can make the first five years count.

Because children learn and grow at different rates, even the most attentive parents can miss some important milestones. We know during these early years, a child's brain develops connections that serve as the basis for language, reasoning, problem solving, social skill and emotional well-being. Here are five key growth areas to be aware of during these critical years before your child starts kindergarten.



Easterseals offers a free, comprehensive and confidential online screening tool to help guide and keep track of your child's growth and development during these first five years.

Children develop skills and reach milestones at their own pace. We encourage you to take 10–20 minutes to check with the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition™ (ASQ-3). You can start at any time.

Based on your responses, your results will help you see if your child's developmental progress is on time and alert you to any potential concerns that you can talk over with your health care provider. The sooner you address a developmental delay or special need, the better long-term success you can expect for your child's overall well-being. Early intervention is key.

Parents and child care providers check out [Easterseals Make the First Five Count](#) for more information, resources, and to use the online screening tool.



## KANSAS EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

### Building the Foundation for Successful Children

This is the third revision of the Kansas Early Learning Standards and is aligned with the K-12 College and Career Ready Standards. These standards are to be used to support the learning and development of young children ages birth to kindergarten and will also support the work of teachers in kindergarten through third grade, clearly showing the continuum of learning from birth through grade three. The Kansas Early Learning Standards are not an assessment or a curriculum and are not to be used to keep children out of a program. These standards can help educators and home visitors address the needs of the children in their care.

Webinars will be available for early learning providers and administrators during school year 2017-18. Participants will be asked to log in at [https://ksde-tasn-webinar.adobeconnect.com/kansas elk webinar](https://ksde-tasn-webinar.adobeconnect.com/kansas_elk_webinar) to view and download materials and engage with presenters. There will be opportunities for questions and the web meeting will be recorded for future reference or for those unable to attend. Please find a schedule of dates and topics on the TASN website: <https://ksdetasn.org/resources/1479>.

#### Up Coming Webinar Dates:

January 12, 2018	April 6, 2018
February 9, 2018	May 4, 2018

#### Click on the Link to view the standards:

[Kansas Early Learning Standards](#)

#### Other Early Learning Trainings

KCCTO: Kansas Early Learning Standards 2 KDHE credit hours

February 1 to 8  
March 15 to 22

April 26 to May 3  
June 14 to 21





## Helpful Links



GoNoodle is a great way to give kids a quick burst of physical activity on those days the weather does not permit going outside. GoNoodle is a **free** resource that is interactive.



Fred the Preparedness Dog  
[www.fredthepreparednessdog.org](http://www.fredthepreparednessdog.org)  
 Provider Emergency Preparedness Tools as well as fun games for kids.

## Some Inservice Training Opportunities



## Applying for an Initial Child Care License

**New Amended Regulation** - Licensed Day Care Homes, Group Day Care Homes, Child Care Centers and Preschools went into effect on May, 12, 2017. [Go to http://www.kdheks.gov/bccl/index.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/bccl/index.html) to find and print the new regulation.

**Renew online** – it is fast and secure. [Go to www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet](http://www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet).

If you are not currently registered and need your KDHE Person or Organization ID, please contact Child Care Licensing at 785-296-1270.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your facility is owned by a corporation, LLC, LLP, government entity agency or school district, please contact your organization's business office for instructions.

**Apply to become a New Child Care Facility** – **PLEASE NOTE:** You must attend an orientation with the licensed surveyor in your area **PRIOR** to applying to become a New Child Care Facility.

[Click here to locate a licensing surveyor in your area](#)



**Who Do You Contact or  
Where Do You Look?**  
[Health Department Surveyor Food Program](#)  
 Department for Children and Families  
[Child Care Subsidy](#)  
[Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect](#)  
 Kansas Health and Environment – [Child Care Licensing](#)



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